



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, March 17, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jeff Brincat, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, Travis Swoope, and Roger Whalen. Staff members Domenic Di Cera, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

BOARD ITEM

Representatives of Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. presented a report on their financial status and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Bill McKenna, Randy Olech, William "Duke" Johnston, and Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Whalen moved to adopt an amendment to paragraph 55 of the 2015 Dates Order reducing the 15-day cycle for pari-mutuel settlements to a 7-day cycle. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Randy Olech, William Johnston, William McKenna, and Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Tim Carey, Michael Murray, and Jeff Kras appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve Kristal Kuchenny as a Placing Judge for 2015 at Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. to initiate rulemaking to amend Board rule 1312.260 (Entry or Coupling). Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Eliot Narotsky appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

Commissioner Lunt moved to approve Inez Karlsson as Association Steward for 2015 at Hawthorne Race Course. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC for 2015. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the 2015 stakes schedule submitted by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 1. Commissioner Schiewe voted against the motion and Commissioner Kalita recused herself from the vote. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Glen Berman and Chris Block appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7 to 0. Chairman Brincat and Commissioners Kalita, Muriel and Swoope abstained.

ADJOURMENT

At 12:45 p.m., Commissioner Byrne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Domenic DiCera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "C" at the end.

Domenic DiCera
Interim Executive Director